

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CWD MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. on page 26 "Sampling to measure prevalence and distribution will be achieved using public hunting however, there may be situations where public hunting is not suitable or unlikely to achieve desired results such as within populated areas. In these cases, other sampling means like special permits to landowners or agency lethal removal may be considered." The overall plan looks good, but we and many of our friends strongly object to "trapping" deer in city limits. Any measure that would cause suffering to the animal (and has) is going to meet with opposition. Everything else you have is prudent and extremely well done. THANK you for all you do! ,

laurie walsh, libby, MT

2. Dear FWP I am in favor of researching fast new ways of tracking and identifying CWD in order to understand the how and way it my jump to us. gary ,

Garold Lazarowski, SEELEY LAKE, MT

3. If there has ever been an urgent need to address a wildlife issue in Montana, it is this one, CWD, as its effects has the potential to cascade negatively across multiple tiers of our socioeconomic landscape. I urge full implementation of the CWD Management Plan.,

Bill Fraser, Sheridan, MT

4. Any CWD outbreaks in animal populations on inaccessible land should be the responsibility of those blocking off public hunting. The fences currently being erected in a vast majority of places are not for cattle, they are being constructed to limit wild game movement. Montana outlawed game farms long ago, seems like work arounds are being attempted of creating game farms in everything but having the game farm designation. When hunting is performed surrounding inaccessible land, it should be no surprise animals are congregating unnaturally in smaller areas. Smaller areas = more CWD spread.,

Nate Thompson, Ramsay, MT

5. Looks good!,

Kyle Reedy, Great Falls, MT

6. Dear FWP - I might be confused about this but why is this proposed plan dated April 2020 instead of April 2021 using the information gathered in SW Montana and other areas re the explosion of CWD in Montana. Seems like an opportunity lost to not utilize up to date and current information. Please explain. Thanks. Curtis Kruer Sheridan, MT,

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7. Thank you for having technicians available to remove CWD lymph nodes. Please consider providing more locations that provide this same service.,

David Mehl, Helena, MT

8. Thank goodness the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks jumped on the chronic wasting disease when it did. They laid the ground work for more work to be done but at least they are on it. Chronic wasting disease is to hunting as the zebra mussel is to fishing in this great state of ours. It should be given at least the same funding to look for solutions. Other than keeping the bones of harvested animals out of the forest we need to make sure we are not ensuring the disease can continue in Montana in the future. We need to ensure that all hunters know what to do with body parts from their harvested animals and be compliant so as not to keep this monstrosity viable. ,

David W Yeats, Columbia Falls, MT

9. I propose a separate Whitetail season, knock a week off the back end of the mule deer season. 2 week of bow, 2 week rifle for white tail only Montana does not have a bow season for white tail that is during the rut. We have too many white tail in some areas , they are cross breeding with the muley's and we need get more active white tail hunting (season for each ?)- Thanks,

Hans Witt, Roundup, MT

10. the eureka area of montana is overwhelmed with whitetail does and has been for some time now.sure would be nice to harvest some of them and get their numbers down before they becoce critical and have to suffer the disease.when it could be controlled better.the numbers are large herds in the whole tobacco valley area.i hpe you consider this before its too late .thank you

trent mendenhall, hungry horse, MT